

Hi everyone,

We are writing to share some exciting news. The team has been discussing our name recently, specifically the “Lady” moniker. We took a team vote and decided by an overwhelming majority to change our name from the Lady Pranksters. We are now officially the Middlebury Pranksters!

There were a several reasons behind this decision. First, “Lady” is a gendered term that invokes a specific version of femininity. We felt that having the team that plays in the women’s division be the “Lady Pranksters” while the team that plays in the men’s division be the “Pranksters” normalizes male athletes and otherizes female ones. Second, we want to be open to folks of any gender identity, and having a gendered word in our team name works against that goal. Third, for women, the term “Lady” connotes a restrictive version of how women should express ourselves.

We are very proud of this team’s history and hope to continue to honor its traditions.

Love,
Middlebury Pranksters

